

## Foundation President's Message

CLARENCE WOLFROM *Maple Lane Golf Club*

The Annual meeting of the Michigan Turf-Grass Foundation will be held in conjunction with the Extention Turf-Grass Conference at the Kellogg Center, on campus, Michigan State University, on March 15, 1962, Thursday at 4:30 P.M. The election of officers and other foundation business will be conducted. The progress and future planning will be of interest to all members.

Research programs directed by Dr. James Tyson, Dr. Kenneth Payne and Professor James Beard (The new assistant in Farm Crops, now in charge of Turf research), Dave Green the post graduate student, whose scholarship support came from The Golf Course Superintendents Association of America, is also a member of this fine staff.

Some topics of research to be discussed are; bent-grass variety evaluation, thatch formation study, fungicide and nemicide trials, shade grass mixture study, merion and kentucky management study, early Spring nitrogen effects on turf, and others.

The facility provided for this research by Michigan State University and the warm and generous support of the Foundation BY its many subscribers is venerated through-out the Turf World.

To all who join to make this research program possible, a heart felt vote of thanks from all who benefit.

CLARENCE WOLFROM, *President*  
MICHIGAN TURF-GRASS FOUNDATION

*In the Presence of Modern Science  
Those Who Do Not Know Can Not  
Long Survive.*

— OTIS W. CALDWELL

## WINTER KILL, YES OR NO?

by E. D. JOHANNINGSMEIER *Agronomist*

North of Fifteen Mile Road most greens are covered with a sheet of ice. How far North this extends, I am not sure; but the Superintendents in the area wonder if we might not have similar experiences to the Spring of a few years ago when much ice was on greens, not a very pleasant thought.

If the greens were put to bed last fall with a good application of Mercurous or Mercuric Chloride before the ice and snow came, everything possible has been done to protect them from damage.

At this date there is little need to worry one way or the other. On the other hand it would be wise to alert the membership to the conditions which might exist when the ice leaves in the Spring. Have a planned program ready to go. After allowing ten days to two weeks to be sure which areas are or are not coming back, during growing weather.

A precautionary measure, spray or apply a dry application of Calo Clor or Calo Cure immediate after ground clears. When all frost danger is past, give all greens a light application of a balanced fertilizer, such as 10-3-7 or Ammonium Nitrate or Ammonium Sulfate to help break dormancy and start grass on a healthy growth pattern. This will give you a two-week advantage in knowing which grasses will need special attention.

All the worrying in the world at this time cannot change matters. Wait until Spring to develope the ulcer, when all the greens are dead.

I really don't think we are in for the type of damage that was experienced in the afore mentioned, at least I hope not. E. D. J.

## USGA TALKS BUSINESS

by CLARENCE WHITE

*Orchard Lake C. C.*

Friday, January 26, 1962 at the Biltmore Hotel in New York City, The United States Golf Association Green Section presented papers on, "A Business Approach to Golf Course Maintenance."

The assembly of superintendents and greens-chairmen were brought up to date on the many sides to a good golf course operation. Topics of interest were; The Principals of Organization, Where Does the Club Dollar Go, Personnel Management, Accounting Methods, and Budget Preparation.

Papers may be obtained by writing USGA, "Golf House," 40 East 38th St., New York 16, New York.

Plan to attend these programs in the future, it will be a rewarding experience for you and your greens-chairman.

### HEATHER ANN McRAE

Kenny McRae and his wife were blessed with a new baby daughter. Heather Ann is the name if you please, sounds a little Scotch.

Ken is the Superintendent at Franklin Country Club, and the grape vine has it he's doing a great job for the Folk over there. Ken is a real "Expert," his fellow supers will attest to that.

## The President's Message

By ROBERT PRIESKORN *Western Country Club*

VALUE: The real worth, a degree of excellence.

Increase your worth by doing more than is expected of you. Complacency is a luxury few people can afford. It would be better to strive for that goal that is always just beyond reach, and one day you will wake up and find you have reached a new degree of excellence.

When the Grass is lush and deep green that is the time to be extra cautious, it is more than likely getting ready to leave you. In this way grass is very much like people, just when they begin to feel they are unexpendable is when they are being let out.

## FLORIDA IMPORTS MICHIGAN EXPERTS

by RICHARD NAVARRE

*Forest Lake C. C.*

Golf and country clubs in the State of Florida have been picking off Michigan golf course superintendents, and the results have been very rewarding for the link hawks in that State. Sunshine, botanical splendor and handsome salaries seem to be the bait that is being accepted.

Master Vern Sincerbeau, is enjoying the best of health, while directing the Beach Club at Naples. Vern was forced out of retirement by the Beach Club Folks, a real complement to his prowess as a business head.

Dino Politz carries the top job at Palm Aire Country Club, in Pompano Beach. Dino formerly served on the staff at Meadowbrook C. C. under Andy Bertoni.

W. D. Weitzel is greenmaster at the Grand Bahama, paradise. Dale got his intro to the Turf-World at Forest Lake C. C.

Ted Lazaroff is wallowing in a new found success at the Port St. Lucie Development. Ted is also an alumni of Forest Lake Country Club.

Mike Skeffington, Director of Public Relations at the Port St. Lucie C. C. This is a real success story for the former Turf-General of Selfridge Air Force Base.

### EDITORS NOTE

Please submit the name and address of your club president and the name of your green-chairman if you would like them to receive a copy of the "Expert."

Feel free to send in any articles that you think may be newsworthy or educational. This is your paper so use it often to express your views.

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# SHADE TREES FOR GOLF COURSES

by LEO BISHOP

RED RUN GOLF CLUB

THE PIN OAK, forms a pyramidal head with long pendulous branches. The foliage is deeply cut and assumes a brilliant red Autumn color. Rapid growth makes it ideal for golf course use. It is considered a fine oak for planting.

WHITE OR GREEN ASH, is a good hardy tree which grows easily. Its tall oval shape permits grass to grow beneath its branches. Autumn foliage is yellow.

NORWAY MAPLE, is of European origin. It is widely used for golf courses, city streets, and parks, because of its resistance to smoke, dust and insects. The leaf is somewhat similar to the sugar maple, but is broader and usually wider than it is long. It is slow growing.

MORAINE LOCUST, (trade marked) is a vigorous fast growing, seedless tree. It is shaped much like the American Elm, but less susceptible to disease. It is a clean tree with no thorns or seed pods. The leaves are so fine they practically disappear when falling. It is a hard wood. It will bend, but rarely splits or breaks. It thrives in any soil.

CRIMSON KING MAPLE, is desirable in small numbers on the golf course. This is a new species of slow growing hard wood. They

will add beauty wherever they are put with their deep purple foliage.

Ornamental and flowering trees should be used throughout the landscape to pick up dead or waste areas. They may be used near greens, tees, the club house, and pool areas. A display of spectacular color in early and late spring is a very pleasant relief. Some types that may be used are:

BECHTELS, double pink flowering crab.

ALMEY, firey red crab.

PAULS SCARLET HAWTHORN, red flowering.

WHITE BIRCH, (Betula Populafolia).

RED FLOWERING CRAB, (Malus Floribunda).

MOUNTAIN ASH, short and colorful due to its clusters of showy red or orange berries.

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